Allotment of LPG Dealerships

2960. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of various dealerships allotted during the tenure of the last three Ministers out of their discreationary quota;

(b) whether such allotted dealerships were eventually terminated;

(c) what are the constraints in liberalising the gas distribution sector;

(d) what other steps Government propose to take to improve service for the public; and

(e) what are the proposed new dealerships earmarked for Andhra Pradesh in 1991-92, alongwith the names of the proposed locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) 313 dealerships and distributorships.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Limited product availability.

(d) and (e) New dealerships/distributorships are opened in different places including those in Andhra Pradesh as per Marketing Plans, availability of product, etc.

प्राकृतिक गैस का उत्पादन

2961. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्राकृतिक गैस का उत्पादन विभिन्न राज्यों की मांग को पूरा करने में अपर्याप्त है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्राकृतिक गैस का कितना उत्पादन हुआ है और विभिन्न राज्यों को, राज्य-वार, इसकी कितनी-कितनी मात्रा आवंटित की गई है ;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के विभिन्न जिलों को प्राकृतिक गैस की कितनी-कितनी मात्रा आवंटित की गई है; और

(घ) गुजरात के विभिन्न जिलों के लिये जिलावार प्राकृतिक गैस की कितनी-कितनी मात्रा बढ़ाये जाने की संभावना है?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) से (घ) वर्ष 1988-89, 1989-90 और 1990-91 में गैस का उत्पादन क्रमश: 13214, 16989 और 17998 मिलियन घन मीटर रहा है । इनका राज्य-वार प्रयोग निम्नलिखित है:-

(एम एम एस सी एम डी)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
महाराष्ट्र	9.17	9.90	10.68
गुजरात	5.712	6.305	7.819
आसाम	2.48	2.55	2.53
त्रिपुरा	0.07	0.07	0.19
आंध्र प्रदेश	0.04	0.07	0.11
तमिलनाडु	0.01	0.01	0.02

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
मध्य प्रदेश	1.344	1.566	1.623
राजस्थान	0.052	1.179	1.145
उत्तर प्रदेश	2.016	3.509	4.487
दिल्ली	—	0.267	0.495

गुजरात में उत्पादित होने वाली संपूर्ण गैस की मात्रा और अपतटीय गैस की काफी बड़ी मात्रा के लिए कनवद्धता गुजरात के विभिन्न उपभोक्ताओं के साथ की गई है। आगे का आवंटन विभिन्न घटकों पर निर्भर करता है जिसमें गैस का उत्पादन और इसकी उपलब्धता शामिल है।

Import of Petroleum Products

2962. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import petroleum products worth Rs. 13,000 crores during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of the countries from which petroleum products are proposed to be imported;

(c) whether the indigenous production of petroleum products is inadequate to meet the internal demand;

(d) the details of the efforts being made by Government to boost the production of petroleum products in the country during the last one year; and

(e) to what extent the production of petroleum products is expected to increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) At present Government has approved import of 29.564 MMT crude oil and petroleum products for the year 1991-92. The value of import will depend on the international prices in the remaining part of year 1991-92. Imports are done both under term contracts and through spot purchases. Spot purchases are not always relatable to specific countries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity by taking up expansion/debottlenecking of existing refineries and by setting up of new grassroot refineries.

LPG Terminal at Paradip in Orissa

2963. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Oil Companies of the country have carried out studies and/or prepared a project/proposal on the viability of setting up of a LPG terminal at Paradip in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Paradip Port offers excellent opportunities for setting-up of such a terminal; and

(c) the details of action taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) None of the existing jetties at Paradip port was considered suitable for handling LPG tankers from safety point of view.

(c) Does not arise.